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Dear Sirs,

NOTED *Response*
Brazilian Patent Application No. PI 8307428(PCT)
Philip Morris Inc. - Our file: 25749

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Thank you for your letter of 9th January reporting an official action due for reply not later than 13th March.

We enclose a copy of the claims on file in the corresponding European Application which we suggest should form the basis for amendment of the claims in the Brazilian Application. We leave it to you to insert the expression "characterized by" in the subsidiary claims to conform with your practice. The amended claim 1 incorporates a temperature range as required by the Examiner. It has also been simplified by omitting reference to the SV value. We believe it is evident from the examples that it is the OV value which is of primary concern relating to the moisture content. As this is controlled there is no reason to believe that the SV value will change.

The new claims form a single series and do not include any product claim and we believe therefore should be acceptable.

Please let us know if you require any further information before you can file a satisfactory response.

Yours faithfully,

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Claims

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